

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 0063 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0063] A method of using the primer for amplification of a target nucleotide sequence is illustrated in FIG. 2. The blocking sequence provided in the amplicon disrupts the formation of the unwanted secondary structure in the amplicon, and therefore facilitates probing the site of interest (now in the amplicon) using the probe referred to in FIG. 2 as the "Differential Hybridization Probe" (see also FIG. 5). When the site of interest contains an allelic variation or an SNP site, the primer will amplify the region of the target nucleotide sequence containing the allelic variation or SNP site and then the allelic variation or SNP site can be detected using a differential hybridization probe comprising a detectable label or the like. Thus, the primers and methods of the invention are also useful in a method of determining the genotype of an individual. A particularly preferred method is described in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/666,744 to Quinn et al. for "Method for Detection of Multiple Nucleic Acid Sequence Variations," filed on even date herewith.